



WELCOME TO
MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY



**GET
READY**

FOR THE
ADVENTURE OF
YOUR LIFE

WE HAVE A FEW TIPS FOR GETTING STARTED

Follow the steps below to prepare for travel and arrival at Missouri State University.

1 CREATE YOUR BEARPASS

Your **BEARPASS** gives you access to your online campus portal, [MY.MISSOURISTATE.EDU](https://my.missouristate.edu). Here, you can register for classes, check your grades, access your **MISSOURI STATE EMAIL**, visit **BLACKBOARD**, and more. Once you arrive, you'll use your **BEARPASS** to log on to computers on campus and access campus wireless networks.

Visit [HTTPS://CAMS.MISSOURISTATE.EDU/SELFSERVICE/NEWACCOUNT.ASPX](https://cams.missouristate.edu/selfservice/newaccount.aspx) to create your account.

To create your **BEARPASS**, you'll need:

- Your **BEARPASS** number. Find this unique code on your **LETTER OF ADMISSION**.
- Your **CONFIRMATION CODE**. Use your Bearpass number to get your code at [HTTPS://CAMS.MISSOURISTATE.EDU/CAMSLOGIN/GETCONFIRMATIONCODE.ASPX](https://cams.missouristate.edu/camslogin/getconfirmationcode.aspx)
- A **PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS** that you check regularly.

Once you have created your **BEARPASS** and **MISSOURI STATE EMAIL**, all official university communications will come to this address. Make sure to check it daily for important announcements and instructions.

2 PREPARE FOR IMMIGRATION

First, check your **I-20** or **DS-2019** for accuracy. Notify International Services if you find any errors.

- Make sure your **NAME, COUNTRY OF BIRTH, COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP,** and **DATE OF BIRTH** information matches your passport.
- Make sure your **PROGRAM OF STUDY** information is correct.
- Make sure your **FINANCIAL INFORMATION** is correct.

Prepare for your **VISA APPOINTMENT**.*

- If your **I-20** or **DS-2019** is accurate, make an appointment with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate to apply for your student visa. Find your nearest embassy here [HTTPS://WWW.USEMBASSY.GOV/](https://www.usembassy.gov/). Review steps for getting your visa at [HTTPS://STUDYINTHESTATES.DHS.GOV/STUDENTS](https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students).*
- Pay your SEVIS Fee at [HTTPS://WWW.FMJFEE.COM/I901FEE/INDEX.HTML](https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.html).*
- Complete **ONLINE IMMIGRATION TRAINING**. Instructions here [HTTPS://INTERNATIONAL.MISSOURISTATE.EDU/SERVICES/300211.HTM](https://international.missouristate.edu/services/300211.htm).
- Make copies or scan your documents, including your **PASSPORT, IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS,** and **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**. Keep the originals with you while traveling and save copies or electronic versions for back up documentation.

*Transfer students who currently reside inside the United States do not need to make a new visa appointment or pay another SEVIS fee.

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MAKE TRAVEL PLANS

There are several cities named Springfield in the United States. Make sure your final destination is **SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI** at the **SPRINGFIELD BRANSON NATIONAL AIRPORT (SGF)**.

- Sign up for **AIRPORT PICK-UP** online at [HTTPS://WWW.MISSOURISTATE.EDU/SECURE/INTERNATIONAL/AIRPORTPICKUP.HTM](https://www.missouristate.edu/secure/international/airportpickup.htm)
- Review our packing suggestions and pack light [HTTPS://INTERNATIONAL.MISSOURISTATE.EDU/SERVICES/300227.HTM](https://international.missouristate.edu/services/300227.htm)

You'll receive a confirmation email in your Missouri State email account from an International Services team member for airport pick-up.



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REGISTER FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

New International Student Orientation is **REQUIRED** for all new international students. **SEE YOUR ADMISSION LETTER OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND YOUR ORIENTATION DATES.**

- Register online to reserve your seat [HTTPS://INTERNATIONAL.MISSOURISTATE.EDU/SERVICES/300185.HTM](https://international.missouristate.edu/services/300185.htm).
- Complete **ONLINE IMMIGRATION TRAINING** on Blackboard. Instructions here [HTTPS://INTERNATIONAL.MISSOURISTATE.EDU/SERVICES/300211.HTM](https://international.missouristate.edu/services/300211.htm).

We'll email you updates and reminders as orientation draws nearer.



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PREPARE FOR MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMICS

We need your official academic transcripts, sent directly from the issuing institution/agency to us in a sealed envelope. Request records from your previous institutions using the appropriate Educational Record Request form at [HTTPS://INTERNATIONAL.MISSOURISTATE.EDU/SERVICES/66521.HTM](https://international.missouristate.edu/services/66521.htm).

Determine which academic orientation is appropriate for you and register online.

- **UNDERGRADUATE**, first time in college students are **REQUIRED** to register for **SOAR** [HTTPS://WWW.MISSOURISTATE.EDU/SOAR/REGISTER.HTM](https://www.missouristate.edu/soar/register.htm).
- **TRANSFER** students, review online orientation and review your transfer credit evaluation [HTTPS://WWW.MISSOURISTATE.EDU/TRANSFER/TRANSFERTODO.HTM](https://www.missouristate.edu/transfer/transfertodo.htm)
- **GRADUATE** students register for Graduate Student Orientation [HTTPS://GRADUATE.MISSOURISTATE.EDU/CURRENTSTUDENTS/ORIENTATION-REGISTRATION.HTM](https://graduate.missouristate.edu/currentstudents/orientation-registration.htm)

CONTACT INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

We're here to help.
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